

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MSME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various countries seeking international cooperation in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and current year; and
- (c) the details of benefits accrued/likely to accrue to the MSMEs sector by the said MOUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a): The Government has signed long-term Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with several countries for promoting cooperation in the field of MSMEs in the broad areas of capacity building, joint actions to improve investments, survey & feasibility studies, partnership projects, exhibitions & trade fairs, exchange of business missions, exchange of information, etc..
- (b): During the last three years and current year, the Government has signed Agreements/ MoUs with the following countries is given annexure.
- (c): The Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) that are signed with other countries provide a platform to discuss issues of mutual interest concerning the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and to explore possibilities of cooperation for the development of MSME sector in both the countries.